

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2017-2-E ORDER NO. 2018-48-H

APRIL 19, 2018

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request of Counsel for Gregory Electric Company and its subsidiary Gregory Solar, LLC (“Gregory Solar”) for an Extension of Time from April 27, 2018 until and including August 25, 2018, to connect its solar facilities at two locations to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”)

STANDING HEARING OFFICER’S ACTION:

Counsel for Gregory Solar requests an extension of time from April 27, 2018 until and including August 25, 2018 to connect its solar facilities at two locations to SCE&G. Counsel notes that in Order No. 2018-189, the Commission granted SolBright from April 27, 2018 to August 25, 2018 to connect to SCE&G’s facilities, and the Commission invited other entities similarly situated to request similar relief from it. Counsel also notes that the relief requested is similar to that granted in Order No. 2018-39-E. Counsel further notes that, as a similarly situated entity, Gregory Solar requests the same relief.

One of the affected solar facilities is located at Summerville Community Seventh-day Adventist Church in Summerville, South Carolina. A second affected solar facility is located at Ed-Venture, Inc. in Columbia, South Carolina. Gregory Solar has a significant financial interest in the timely completion of the construction of these facilities, according to counsel. In both instances, however, counsel notes that Gregory Solar has encountered time delays beyond its control and now realizes that it cannot connect its solar facilities to SCE&G’s system in compliance with the April 27, 2018 date established in Order No. 2017-246.

The Commission had previously acted to grant interested parties time to implement solar development. Commission Order No. 2017-246 allowed customers already approved by SCE&G to participate in the Bill Credit Agreement for Renewable Energy Facilities

(“BCA”) program an additional twelve (12) months to successfully interconnect infrastructure facilities to SCE&G’s system. SCE&G’s customers currently have until April 27, 2018, to interconnect with SCE&G. Counsel for Gregory Solar states that SCE&G consents to its request for an extension from April 27, 2018, until and including August 25, 2018 for both stated facilities. Counsel notes his belief that no other party or entity will be prejudiced or adversely affected by this request, and that the expansion of solar generation is in the public interest. Accordingly, for the reasons set out, Gregory Solar requests that the Commission grant it an extension of time from April 27, 2018, until and including August 25, 2018, to connect its solar facilities at the two stated locations to SCE&G.

After consideration of the reasoning set out by counsel for Gregory Solar, the request for extension at both locations is hereby granted. Clearly, Gregory Solar is in circumstances similar to those that the Commission considered in the Solbright Energy Order, Order No. 2018-189, and to the circumstances found in Order No. 2018-39-H. Further, SCE&G consents to the requested extension, and the two locations are aware of the request. Accordingly, the extension requested by Gregory Solar from April 27, 2018, until and including August 25, 2018 to connect to SCE&G is granted for both stated locations.